

Durden, whom will also lead the United States' Men's Swimming Olympic Team in competition in Tokyo, Japan, during the 2020 Summer Games.

Congressman DESAULNIER and I would like to also recognize the impressive student athletes of the victorious program beginning with Senior Andrew Seliskar, the first Cal Bears swimmer in 22 years to win three individual NCAA titles in one NCAA swim meet. He won the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle. Seliskar was named the 2019 College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America National Swimmer of the Year.

In addition, Congressman DESAULNIER and I would like to recognize Sophomore Ryan Hoffer for his victory of the 50-yard freestyle NCAA title. Senior Andrew Seliskar, Junior Michael Jensen, Junior Pawel Sendyk, and Sophomore Ryan Hoffer won the 200-yard freestyle relay NCAA title.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th and 11th Congressional Districts, I join Congressman DESAULNIER to commend the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the student-athletes, coaches, families, and all others involved with the Cal Bears. Congratulations on a successful season and placing a finalist in every swimming event at the NCAA Championships.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 51

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 51, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. Since its founding on November 20, 1919, Post 51 has made countless contributions to our community.

Over the years, Post 51 has been a fierce advocate for veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and our children and youth. These Four Pillars of the American Legion serve as a guiding light for the organization and pervade all aspects of Post 51's philanthropic work.

Composed of service members, veterans, and military families, Post 51 represents the best our nation has to offer and I am proud to represent a district that has a strong military presence and is home to some of the bravest patriots in the country. Not only did these men and women serve our country while in uniform, they continue to give back to our community's robust veteran population.

Post 51 ensures our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need throughout and after their service through local advocacy and assistance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition to these important services, Post 51 fosters a community of service for our children through local basketball and softball programs and the Boys & Girls Club of America.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt gratitude to American Legion Post 51 for their century of service. The exemplary men and women of Post

51 are the heart and soul of our community and I wish them continued success as they serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 51.

IN HONOR OF JOHN HEALY, RETIRING FIRE CHIEF OF THE SAN MATEO CONSOLIDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, at the end of this year, John Healy will officially step down as the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Department of San Mateo. He leaves big shoes to fill, and they've grown larger over the course of his 36 year career in the fire service.

John started as a volunteer firefighter at age 19 in 1986 with the Foster City Fire Department. He quickly turned professional as he joined the Hillsborough Fire Department the following year. Ten years later he was a Captain. In 2000, he crossed the bay to serve Union City, and in 2003 he returned to his hometown of San Mateo where he remained for the next sixteen and a half years.

Between the days of his teens in the 1980's until the end of his career, his hometown of San Mateo grew from a quiet suburb of about 77,000 to over 105,000. Growth like this presents any fire department with numerous challenges. An entirely new neighborhood at Bay Meadows emerged. On the east side, a shopping center and office developments demanded resources. Complex traffic patterns and tens of thousands of additional vehicle trips on freeways lacing the city prompted increased numbers of serious medical calls every year. The list goes on.

Importantly, over the decades the financing of public services became more difficult as salaries and pensions escalated steeply. When he returned to San Mateo as a Captain in 2003, John Healy faced a community different in many ways from the one in which he grew up. However, San Mateo remained a town that valued its public safety services. This was vividly illustrated in 2008 when the economy went into a steep recession and newly-elevated Deputy Fire Chief Healy assumed responsibility to enter into a shared services agreement. By 2015, Belmont, San Mateo and Foster City were ready to enter into an agreement to formally create a new and combined department. It wasn't easy.

Now Fire Chief Healy negotiated new labor MOUs with three cities, jumped through flaming hoops of pension contracts, axed through byzantine State governance laws, and delivered the equivalent of a new baby in the form of a charter amendment authorizing the new agency. By January of this year, the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department was up and running with a new governing board, an improved cost structure, and superior service. Chief Healy deserves the thanks of 168,000 residents in the communities that he serves.

During his career, Chief Healy served with the San Mateo County Operations Group and Communications Committee and built strong relationships with the county public safety dis-

patchers and management. He noted in a recent news article that, "Wearing the uniform and the badge was the greatest honor and it's difficult for words to fully express what that means to me."

John Healy holds a Bachelor's in Fire Administration and Fire Prevention Technology from Cogswell Polytechnical College and earned certification as Chief Officer, CICC Strike Team Leader, Fire Investigator I, Safety Officer and Division Group Supervisor. Chief Healy was aided greatly in his career by his family, notably his wife, Stacey. The couple have three sons. Two attend Sera High School. One is in college.

John Healy grew up in San Mateo with seven siblings and knows his hometown's history like he knows his own. Ask him whatever happened to the Borel estate and he'll probably tell you about the development of Borel Square and offices in its vicinity. That new library on 3rd Avenue? He'll describe its predecessor, and perhaps he even visited once or twice in his youth. Old St. Matthew's Church in downtown San Mateo? A beautiful brick building, but probably not the place a firefighter would want you to be in an earthquake. How many Fire Chiefs can claim to have responded to their first fire call in town by riding a bicycle? I don't know for sure if John Healy is one of them, but it's likely.

Today, let's give thanks for the humor and good nature of a San Mateo favorite son. With honor and great distinction, John Healy is leaving. We look forward to seeing him in Central Park during the Christmas holidays, perhaps skating at the annual ice rink, and hopefully avoiding a fire service call for a medical emergency.

CONGRATULATING THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON RECEIPT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate the Carbon County Commissioners on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Project of the Year Award.

The Economic Development Project of the Year Award highlights an outstanding economic development project designed to bring jobs and economic growth to Carbon County. Founded in 1843 and named for its large amount of anthracite coal deposits, Carbon County's vibrant economy is driven by manufacturing, commerce, and tourism. In a shining example of public and private cooperation, the Carbon County Commissioners, Jim Thorpe Borough, and the D&L National Heritage Corridor constructed the much-anticipated pedestrian bridge in Jim Thorpe across the Lehigh River. The completion of this bridge allows Pennsylvanians of every age to step out across this beautiful gorge and appreciate the natural beauty of our state. It's just one more reason to visit Jim Thorpe.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to